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See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

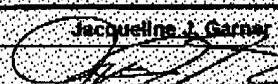
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NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (f) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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Title: **METHOD OF INTEGRATING A THIN FILM RESISTOR IN A
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents

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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 12/31/2002. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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